

Notice of Allowability

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10/734,738

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to April 26, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 146.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 12/06/06
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 12/23/04, 12/13/04, 5/21/07.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on April 26, 2007 has been entered.
Claims 1124 -1193 are added new.
Claims 1- 414, 459-490, 492- 495, 497-1092 and 1112 are canceled.
Claims 415- 458, 491, 496, 1093 -1111, and 1113-1193 are pending in the application.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed on April 26, 2007 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Drawings

3. The Examiner has approved drawings filed on 12/12/03.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 12/23/04, 12/13/04 and 5/21/07, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Reasons For Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
Claims 415- 458, 491, 496, 1093 -1111, and 1113-1193 are allowed.
Renumbered as 146.

The present invention relates to a method of assessing information in a document using a computer system, comprising, among other things "wherein at least one of the writing profile representations comprises written information from the

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information field and written information from at least one of the other information fields from at least one of the other documents, wherein at least one writing profile representation comprises at least one cross-field correlation between at least two information fields". For Independent claims 415, 448, 453, 458, 491, 496, the prior art on record, Ericson et al., (US.6, 836,555 B2), and Ammar (US 6,424,728 B1), fails to teach or fairly suggest, singly or in combination, "wherein at least one of the writing profile representations comprises written information from the information field and written information from at least one of the other information fields from at least one of the other documents, wherein at least one writing profile representation comprises at least one cross-field correlation between at least two information fields". Each of the above references either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above limitation obvious.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted on later than the payment of the issue fee and to avoid processing delays should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled, comments on statement of reasons for allowance.


Contact Information

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheela C Chawan whose telephone number is. 571-272-7446. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7.30 - 6.00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen Lillis can be reached on 571-272-6928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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